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Dear Sirs,

All of the prior art documents presented by the examiner show various systems being interconnected with a network element performing emulation, i.e. the prior art documents show emulation in general. The applicant admits, that the independent claims were somewhat wide, allowing such wide interpretation. However, the present invention introduces a novel concept, which is more clearly present in the attached amended claims. The concept is the emulation of a SIM card, emulation of the functionality of a terminal based on the information of a SIM card. None of the presented prior art shows the inventive idea, that information of a SIM card can be located in a network element. As the application states, one advantage of the invention is that a user can transfer the subscriber information, i.e. his identity, from his mobile phone to a network element to which a fixed terminal is attached, whereby the fixed terminal (such as an old rotary switch telephone) functions as a replacement for his mobile phone. The invention allows such functionality by addition of a single network element into a radio access network for providing the functionality, no changes in core network and other systems is necessary. The prior art solutions do not present such possibilities and advantages.

Yours faithfully,
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